## BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MAY 2, 2007

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- The April 4 minutes and the April 18 Special Meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report—Linda Messmer

Non-reverting Fund

 Beginning Balance April 1, 2007
 \$18,107.88

 Revenue
 \$2,026.40

 Disbursements
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 Ending Balance April 30, 2007
 \$20,134.28

Note: The Chamber of Commerce check was mistakenly deposited in the Non-reverting Fund. This \$1,766.40 check will be removed from this account to the Park Fund. This was for the Christmas in the Park electricity used in December. Thus, the balance should be \$18,367.88.

Park and Recreation Fund

Note: The Chamber check-\$1,766.40-would be added to this Fund making the balance (\$6,785.12).

Mrs. Messmer reported on the questioned Aramark Uniform and Verizon accounts. The money owed was correct. The Aramark service was from 2/13/07 to 3/27/07 and the Verizon bill was a series of charges. Mayor Arthur researched both of these accounts and reduced some telephone service which should now to an estimated amount of \$110. The detailed report is filed with the minutes. The encumbrance list was reviewed, and no discrepancies were noted.

- After Christmas in the Park Committee members as well as the Board members discussion and comments, Ruthann Jeffries motioned to accept the Christmas in the Park contract as amended. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- The new playground equipment should be shipped and will be arriving soon. Rose Hulman students indicated they will volunteer to assemble this equipment.
- Pool Report—Tiffany Deakins, Manager
  - --Fifteen life guards have been hired. Eleven are returning, three new.
  - --Two new cashiers have been hired.

- --Assistant Manager, Katie Fischer, has been hired. She has been a life guard for several years. Also, she is a certified instructor and will be doing the lifeguard workshop May 26 for CPR readiness.
- --Opening day is Saturday, June 2 with water temperature permitting.
  --Price changes were discussed, and Caroline McCullough motioned to change the 2007 pricing for single sessions to \$2.50 for persons age 5 and up. Also, increase the pool party rates by \$10.00—1 to 100 people-\$140.00; 101 to 250 people-\$160.00; 250 to 500 people-\$250.00. Season pass rates are not changing—12 and under-\$60.00; 13 and up-\$70.00; family (4 members)-\$120.00 and \$5.00 for each additional member. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- --A swim lesson session will be added in August making a total of 3 sessions. The cost is \$35.00 per child for 30 minute instruction, 4 times a week for 2 weeks. The ratio of instructor to students is 1:4.
- --The weekday morning senior swim will continue. The session lasts one hour and costs \$1.00.
- --Spear Corporation will do the pool start-up May 17.
- --The Board welcomed Ms. Deakins back and commended her on having pool affairs ready to go.
- Mrs. Jeffries asked CC Brackman (Brazil Times) to do a story and photo tomorrow at the mini-shelters at the Forest Park walking track involving Delta Theta Tau members. This sorority donated the money to erect these shelters.
- Ruthann Jeffries motioned to have all existing signs removed along SR 59 at the Forest Park entrance with the exception of the Forest Park sign, the Forest Park Golf sign. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- The Board and patrons participated in much discussion on the sign framework where festivals, events, etc., could hang their signs preceding their events. Brad Deal motioned to have a sign framework made from which individual event signs could be hung. Linda Messmer seconded the motion. Carried.
- In order to help solve the trash problem at Forest Park, a locked privacy fence enclosing the dumpsters seemed to be the best solution. Brad Deal will contact fence contractors for prices, work with Superintendent Houck for dimensions and placement for the enclosure.
- Brandi Means asked for permission to hold a Farmers Market in Forest Park. Linda Messmer motioned to deny the request. Seconded by Brad Deal. Carried.
- Chad Zaucha, director of the YMCA, has asked for permission to erect a storage building by the softball field. Storage currently is in the restrooms which is not feasible. Caroline McCullough motioned to allow the YMCA to erect an 8'x 10' storage building. Seconded by Brad Deal. Carried. The exact place for the building will be determined by Mr. Zaucha and Superintendent Houck.

- Superintendent Houck suggested the bunkhouse area for the carnival be moved to the East and South of the Comfort Station. This would eliminate the need to put a water hose across the road as well as it would free up parking spaces close to the events. This was agreeable with the Board.
- There is a severe mud problem west of the baseball stadium. The area needs dirt fill and reseed. Mr. Houck will take care of this in stages.
- There was discussion of placement of playground equipment, new pieces, and repair at Wheeler Park. Brad Deal motioned to purchase a tire swing and a cage and guard for the large slide at Wheeler Park. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- Due to pressing commitments, Brad Deal would like to be relieved of the roofing duties at Forest Park. Superintendent Houck will get estimates for the labor. The materials have been purchased previously.
- Park Superintendent's Report—Bill Houck
  - --Surprise! Through Mr. Houck's negotiation, Pepsi is donating one of its "trade-in" pickups to the City Parks. The truck has a power tail gate and will be quite useful.
  - --Plumbing problems have increased this spring and has taken much of the superintendent's time to repair.
  - -- The basketball goals at Wheeler will be ready by next week.
  - --The Pavilion has been cleaned, reorganized in readiness for upcoming events—Delts, Veterans and others.
  - --Several reservations have been taken for the Pavilion.
  - --Work has started on a mini-shelter at Wheeler Park.
  - -- The softball restrooms have been repainted.
  - --With the need of 2 backboards, Linda Messmer motioned to allow Mr. Houck to purchase 2 backboards not to exceed \$300.00. Seconded by Brad Deal. Carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline McCullough, Secretary